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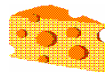
Beef

IMPS#	Description	Wts	Lbs/Lds	Avg	Change Prw/wk
Boxed Beef Cuts, Select 1-3					
113A	Chuck, 2-pc	72-119	71832	131.06	3.86
115	Chuck, 2-pc bnl	50-80	207057	136.87	1.92
116A	Chuck Roll, n/o 1x1	13-25	738751	155.98	8.21
120	Brisket	6-14	1306961	109.92	6.06
123A	Short Rib	1-4	195350	111.85	1.56
160	Round, Bn-in	50-85	56816	154.60	6.60
161	Round, Bnl	42-80	273581	161.77	2.79
168	Inside Round	14-26	617251	159.49	8.23
170	Gooseneck Round	18-33	100842	161.74	0.56
	Coarse ground Blend 81%		2798721	132.37	0.12
	Coarse ground Blend 85%		122041	159.15	1.57
Cow Cuts/Boneless Processing Items					
	Boneless Chuck 85%			134.35	2.72
	Top Inside Round	12-16		174.22	7.29
Boneless Processing Beef/Beef Trimmings, Fresh					
	90% Chemical Lean		1743311	131.75	1.04
	50% Chemical Lean		874313	157.48	-1.74

Pork

Pork Loins, Fresh ¼" Trim	21 lbs/dn	38.0	112.17	-0.99
Boston Butt, Fresh ¼" Trim	5-10 lbs	36.5	89.49	-8.69
Spareribs, Fresh	4.25 lbs	0.0	0.00	----
Ham, Bone-in, Trmd TS 1	17-20 lbs	8.0	65.00	-9.50
Ham, Bone-in, Trmd TS 1	20-23 lbs	31.0	60.19	-6.84
Belly, Sdls, Skin-on, Trmd	14-16 lbs	5.5	88.91	-2.09
Belly, Sdls, Skin-on, Trmd	16-18 lbs	2.0	87.00	-3.00
Boneless Picnic Meat, Fresh		0.0	0.00	----
72% Chemical Lean		34.0	67.50	-0.07

Dollars per Hundredweight - Equated to FOB Omaha Basis



**Dairy Market News
Madison, WI
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Butter

Bulk butter, f.o.b. producing plant, national price range, truckload quantities

This Week	Last Week
1.4950-1.5900	1.5100-1.6050

American Cheese

Process cheese, 5-pound loaf, national price range, dollars per pound

This Week	Last Week
1.5475-2.2000	1.7750-2.2000

Fluid Milk = Basic Formula Price – 23-Dec-04

Basic price used to set Class I prices, dollars per gallon, January

Price Level	Change from Prv/Month	Change from Prv/Year
1.4316	+0.1908	+0.4127

Broiler/Fryers

Whole Grade A, Ready-to-Cook, Ice-packed, Per Pound, Delivered
New York 64.18 Chicago 61.93 Los Angeles 77.98

Parts Bulk

Ready-to-Cook, Ice-packed, Per Pound
Northeast (Delivered) Breast B/S 131.05 Leg Quarters 28.91
Southern States (FOB) Breast B/S 123.87 Leg Quarters 26.37

Young Turkeys

Grade A, Ready-to-Cook, Frozen, Per Lb., Delivered
Hens 8-16 Lbs Toms 16-24 Lbs
Eastern 74.75 68.50
Central 75.75 68.00
Western 76.75 69.25

Table Eggs

Large, USDA Grade A, White, In Cartons, In Volume, Cents Per Dozen
Northeast 73.00 Metropolitan Areas
Southeast 72.50 New York 64.00-68.00
Midwest 65.50 Chicago 70.00-75.00
S. Central 76.50 S. California 94.00-97.00

Egg Products

Liquid, Non-pasteurized, Tucklot Volume, FOB, Per Pound
Whole 25.50-28.00 Whites 25.50-26.50 Yolks 49.00-51.00
Frozen, 30Lb Containers, Wholesale per Lb
Whole Eggs Whites
Eastern (Less Than Trucklot) 44.00-48.00 47.00-52.00
Central 37.00-41.00 42.00-44.00
S. Calif. (Less Than Trucklot) 43.00-46.00 47.00-50.00
Dried, Wholesale Prices, Dollars Per Pound, In Container (Range)
Whole 1.39-1.70 Yolks 1.33-1.48 Blends 1.35-1.70



**Fruit & Vegetable Market News
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Fruits

Apples, Red Delicious, WAExFcy, C.A. Storage, 100s Containers Tray
Pack, Yakima Valley & Wenatchee District, WA 10.50
Pears, Bartlett, U.S. One, controlled atmosphere storage, 4/5 bushel
cartons wrapped 100s, Yakima Valley & Wenatchee District, WA 19.00
Strawberries, flats 12 1-pint baskets, medium, South District, CA 23.90
Oranges, Navel, Shippers, 1st Grade, 7/10 bushel cartons, 113s,
Central & Southern CA and AZ 10.50
Grapefruit, Texas Fancy, 7/10 bushel cartons, 36s, Lower Rio Grande
Valley, TX 18.13

Vegetables

Broccoli, Bunched 14s Cartons, Imperial, Coachella & Palo Verde
Valleys, CA 5.85
Carrots, Medium-Large Sks 48 1-lb filmbags, Kern District, CA 8.85
Celery, 2 ½ doz ctns, South District, CA 9.30
Lettuce, Iceberg, 24S, Cartons, Central and Western AZ 4.13
Peppers, Bell Type, Green; 11/9 bushel cartons, large, C. and S. FL 8.85
Mexico Crossing through Nogales, AR 7.85
Tomatoes, Mature Greens, U.S. One, 25 lb. Cartons, 6x6, C. and S. FL 7.70
Vine Ripes, Mexico Crossing thur Nogales, AZ, flats 2 layer, 4X5 8.85
Onions, Yellow Spanish Hybrid, Jumbo, 50 lb sacks, Idaho and Malheur
County, OR 3.38
Potatoes, Russet Burbank, U.S. One, 50lb ctns, 70s, Upper Valley,
Twin Falls, Burley District and Western ID 6.75

**Simple Average of Weekending Prices of Stated Grades or Stock of Generally Good
Merchantable Quality and Condition. Prices FOB Shipping Point Basis. Dollars per
Unit.**